

## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN NOVEMBER 2009

WABA 7:00pm Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> Ryals TOWN COUNCIL 7:00pm Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> Leider PLANNING COMMISSION 7:00pm Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> Stratton

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## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**: At the October 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:

- The Council continued its public hearing to hear comments on a proposed ordinance regulating the use and development of Town rights of way. At the end of this discussion, the Council decided to hold a work session to work through the details of the ordinance and any needed revisions. That work session was help on October 21<sup>st</sup> and resulted in a new draft of the ordinance that will be discussed at the Council's November meeting. A copy of the newest draft will be available on the Town website shortly.
- The Council held a public hearing to discuss revisions to the 2009 Budget that are needed because of the recent emergency repairs to the well pump. The amended budget was adopted.
- The Council held its first public hearing to discuss a preliminary 2010 Budget. A second hearing will be held at the November Council meeting. At that time the Council will also discuss and act on the Property Tax Levy for 2010
- The Council held a public hearing to discuss the proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2010 through 2015. The TIP was adopted.
- Councilmember Stowe presented some additional ideas for changing water rates to ensure that the Water Department's upcoming maintenance needs are fully funded. This work will be ongoing as part of the development of the Town's 2010 Budget.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday**, **November 10, 2009** at Rick Leider's house.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VACANCY**: There is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment, the Town body that hears all requests for and renders all decisions on variances to the Town's Zoning Code. While BOA positions have four-year terms, the term for the current vacancy ends on December 31, 2010 and is eligible for reappointment. If you are interested in serving on this important board, please contact Mayor Leider. Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp for more information.

**PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY**: There will be a vacancy on the Planning Commission when Commissioner Jake Donoghue's term expires December 31, 2009. As Jake notes, "It is only appropriate that others have the opportunity to involve, create and become a planner towards the future of our community." Thank you Jake, for all of your service! The Planning Commission is the Town body that develops the Town's land-use regulations and Comprehensive Plan and advises the Town Council on the same, meeting monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Planning Commissioners serve six-year terms; the term for this position would end in December of 2015 and is eligible for reappointment. If you are interested in serving on this commission, please contact Mayor Leider. Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp for more information.

**NAME SIGNS:** An eagle-eyed resident has noticed that there are several new families who have not yet gotten name signs. The tradition of posting name signs on or near the street on which each family lives is a long-time tradition in Beaux Arts. If you have not yet gotten a name sign, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Spens at <a href="townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov">townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov</a> so that she can arrange for one to be made. Signs cost about \$30, and residents are billed by the Town after the sign has been mounted.

**NEXT WABA BOARD MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, November 5, 2009** at the Ryals's residence.

WABA CLERK POSITION AVAILABLE: WABA is saddened that Gail D'Alessio is stepping aside from her Clerk position in December. She has done a fabulous job and the Board thanks her for her efforts. The WABA Clerk is a paid position and a great way for a new member to start getting involved with WABA and the neighborhood, or a low key way for a long term member to get back involved without the "burden of office." Hours are entirely self-directed but the Clerk should attend Board meetings (some absences are acceptable). A computer, email, and printer are essential. The Green Book, Section 11 has a specific job description but in general, the Clerk is responsible for safeguarding the minutes and WABA permanent documents stored off site, conducting mailings such as assessments and winter dinner notices, distributing the Green Book and its updates, handling beach reservations, providing vehicle ID stickers, and keeping up on new owners and renters and assisting them with membership applications. Please contact Gail D'Alessio with any informational questions. If you would like to apply, please contact WABA President Dan Bridges.

## HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND COOKIE EXCHANGE - SAVE THE DATE

This year's holiday social for all Village women will be held at Sheila Justus' home on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. Details will be provided in the December newsletter, on mailbox flyers, and via phone calls during the end of November.

WINTER DINNER: It is already time to start thinking about the upcoming Beaux Arts Winter Dinner scheduled for sometime in January. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for Villagers to socialize with neighbors of old, and acquaint themselves with new members. The annual meeting is held, a delicious dinner is served, and entertainment typically concludes the evening. The WABA Board wants Winter Dinner attendance to be a priority for Villagers. Although attendance has been strong, it has been brought to the Board's attention that very few Newcomers (residents of less than two years) attended last year's dinner. The Board's goal is for the event to be fun, informative, and something that all Villagers want to attend. Therefore, we are asking your help in planning for our 2010 Winter Dinner. Within the next week, you will be receiving a short, simple questionnaire. Your input will help us immensely in planning a successful Winter Dinner. We will also invite you, upon the completion of the questionnaire, to the WABA web site for additional comments. Thank you and we look forward to your responses!

Becky Ryals is also looking for Villagers who are interested in helping co-chair the 2010 Winter Dinner. The volunteers who signed-up to co-chair the event have either moved or will be away on vacation during the planning phase of the Dinner. Please email Becky if you are interested. Thank you.

**BEACHMASTER REPORT:** I need help! Anybody who is interested, traditionally kids, in cleaning up the beach using the power blower should contact me. Most of the work will be only until the end of the year. The job can be either a paid position or may qualify for community service. Beach water will be likely turned off this month when the freezing temps arrive. Please keep your needs in mind. –Forrest

**DOCKMASTER REPORT:** Greetings. The Dock master reminds boaters that the lake level is down and winter freezes are on their way. As a result, the dock water supply will be turned off soon to avoid damage. Please prepare yourself accordingly. It's time to winterize your boats and wait for spring weather. Other news: The annual underwater inspection was recently completed. Some regular repairs and maintenance to the docks will be necessary. There is currently one 36' slip vacant. Additionally, room can be made for WABA members who are interested in small craft, such as C-15s. Seasonal slips are also available. - Bernard

**WOODLAND MANAGER REPORT:** This year's tree planting will be on November 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. The proposed locations are posted on the WABA web site. If you would like to help plant, please call Sheila Justus. No need to stay all day. We only have 11 plants for which to find homes. Anyone with a shovel is welcome. This is a great way for older children to earn community service hours! The Woodlands Management Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Justus home. Please feel free to attend, but check with Sheila to be sure the date hasn't changed.

BUILDING NEWS- No permits were issued by the Beaux Arts Building Dept. in October.

**PHONE BOOKS:** Please pick up your latest yellow pages directories recently delivered to all the mailbox stands.

**LOST AND FOUND:** The following items found at the *north beach* are still waiting to be claimed:

Set of car/house keys on an X-box keychain:

See Angela Kulp (found August 9<sup>th</sup> after the picnic) – ask your teenagers! Last notice!

Set of keys See Gail D'Alessio (found after the Robert Vasen Foundation Swim, July 26<sup>th</sup>)

## NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

• Contact <u>Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens</u> if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.

Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov

Phone: (425) 454-8580

Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

• Contact <u>Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp</u> if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.

Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov

Phone: (425) 269-6985

Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

• To report Block watch concerns, contact:

<u>Town Marshal Walter Scott:</u> (425) 454-2573 <u>Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster:</u> (425) 746-0757